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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
ATTENTION: Office of Central Reference  
SUBJECT: Collection of Soviet Bloc Maps and Mapping Information (C)

1. Reference is made to CIA R.D. No. C-1157, "Guide Requirements on Soviet Geodesy and Cartography," 6 December 1955.

2. The Department of the Army, as well as other government agencies, has a great need for Soviet Bloc maps and mapping information. The Army has a particular requirement for the Soviet 1:100,000-scale, military map series, a post war effort consisting of 6,000 sheets. The success of past efforts has generally been limited to the collection of relatively unimportant publications and data which become available through open sources.

3. It is requested that all possible means be exploited in order to procure a complete set of the 1:100,000-scale map series of Russia. These maps are reportedly of high quality. As an indication of the value of such an acquisition it should be considered that if the area were accessible and the necessary ground surveys could be made, the cost of producing such a series would be \$150,000,000; the cost of aerial coverage of the area alone would be approximately \$30,000,000.

4. It is suggested that CIA's standing requirement for Soviet map information (referenced in paragraph 1. above), be revised to reflect the outstanding requirement for the 1:100,000-scale map series.

5. In replies to this specific requirement, it is requested that Control No. SRI ID-15-302 be cited.

/s/  
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